

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Sarah Brown, Treasurer Ohio State Republican Party 211 S. Fifth Street Columbus, OH. 43215

Identification Number:

C00162339

Reference:

Year End Report (11/26/02-12/31/02)

Dear Ms. Brown:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

"Schedule A supporting Line 15 of the Detailed Summary Page discloses a refund(s) or rebate(s) of what appears to be a previously disclosed allocable expense(s) from Ohio Federation of Women, Pranklin County Republican Party, Montgomery County Republican Party, and Voinovich for Senate Committee. Please be advised that when a committee receives a refund or rebate of an allocable expense, it must be allocated between the federal and non-federal accounts according to the same allocation ratio used to allocate the original disbursement. Furthermore, the federal account must transfer the non-federal portion to the non-federal account and disclose this transferout on Schedule H4. Your report does not appear to disclose a transfer-out of the non-federal portion of this refund(s) or rebate(s). Please provide clarification regarding this apparent omission.

-Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why the disbursements were made. Please amend Schedule(s) H4 of your report to clarify the following description(s): "GOTV". For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursements, please refer to 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3).

-Please clarify all expenditures for "voter registration" and/or "GOTV". If any of these activities referenced House or Senate candidates, they should be allocated accordingly, unless merely incidental to the overall activity. If a portion or all of these expenditures were made on behalf of federal candidates, they should be reported on Schedules B, E, or F for Lines 23, 24, or 25 of the Detailed Summary Page, as appropriate.

-Please provide a Schedule A to support the entry disclosed on Lines 11(b) and 11(c) of the Detailed Summary Page. All contributions from political committees must be itemized on Schedule A regardless of the amount. 2 U.S.C. §434(b)(3)(B)

-Please provide a Schedule A to support the entry on Line 12 of the Detailed Summary Page. All transfers from affiliates received by your committee must be itemized on Schedule A regardless of the amount. 2 U.S.C. §434(b)(3)(D)

-The outstanding balance of a debt owed to a creditor at the close of one report should be exactly the same as the beginning outstanding balance of the next report. Your previous report shows ending balances for several debts which do not match the beginning balances on this report. Please amend your report to clarify this discrepancy.

A response or amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

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